

Machinists 1940, Eveleth, MN Historical Society



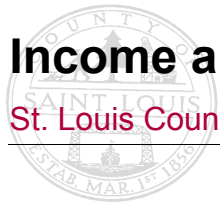
Works Progress Administration 1938, Virginia, MN Historical Society

Income and Poverty

St. Louis County



Family home 1905, near Chisholm, MN Historical Society



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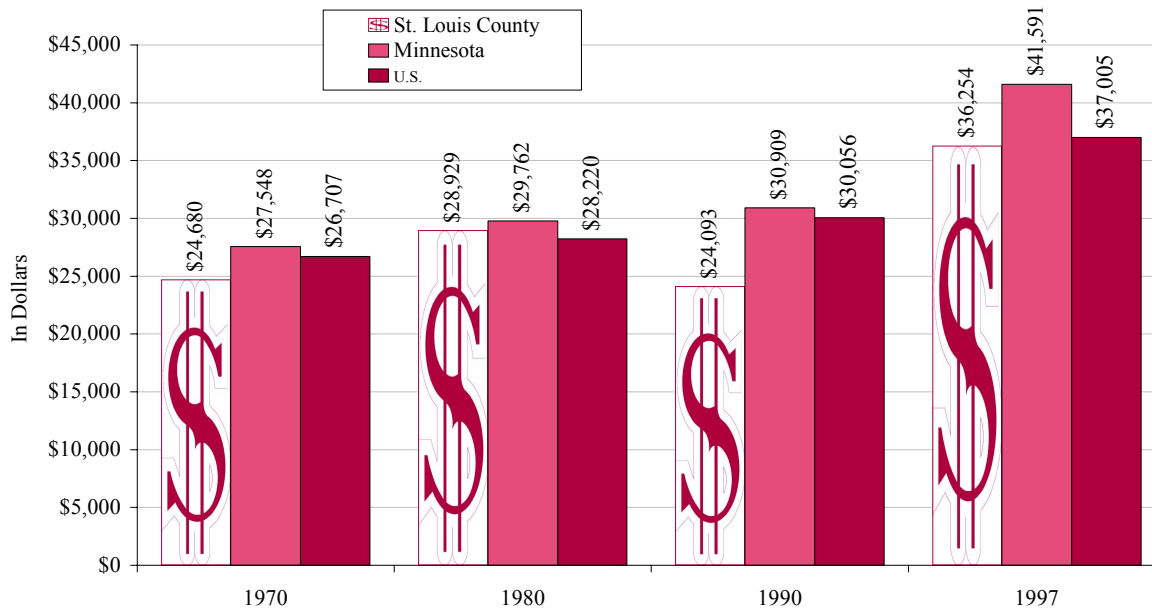
St. Louis County's Median Household Income

Median Household Income St. Louis County

	In Dollars (\$)			
	1970	1980	1990	1997 Est.
St. Louis County	24,680	28,929	24,093	36,254
Minnesota	27,548	29,762	30,909	41,591
U. S.	26,707	28,220	30,056	37,005

Median Household Income

St. Louis County, Minnesota and U.S. 1970-1997



Source: U.S. Census and the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program for the 1997 estimate of median income. www.census.gov

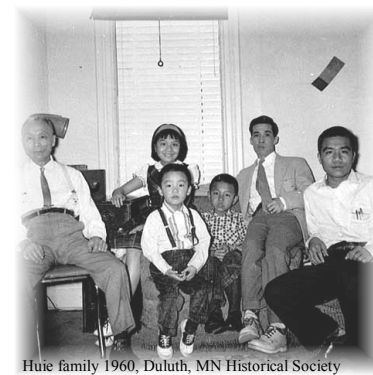
Income Definitions

Household consists of all the people who occupy a housing unit and includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, who share the housing unit.

Median income is the amount which divides the income distribution into two equal groups, half having incomes above the median, half having incomes below the median.

Per Capita income is the average income computed for every person in a particular group. The Census Bureau derived per capita income by dividing the total income of a particular group by the total population in that group (excluding patients or inmates in institutional quarters.)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. www.census.gov



Huie family 1960, Duluth, MN Historical Society

Note:
The 2000 Census Data on Income and Poverty is due to be released by the Census Bureau between December 2001 and March 2002.

Summary

- Between 1980-1990, St. Louis County lost ground in median household income. In 1990, the county was 22% below the Minnesota median household income. However, by 1997, the gap had closed to 13% below Minnesota's and 2% below the national median household income.
- Between 1990 and 1997, St. Louis County median household income increased 50.5% from \$24,093 to \$36,254.

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St. Louis County's Per Capita Income



Per Capita Income* St. Louis County

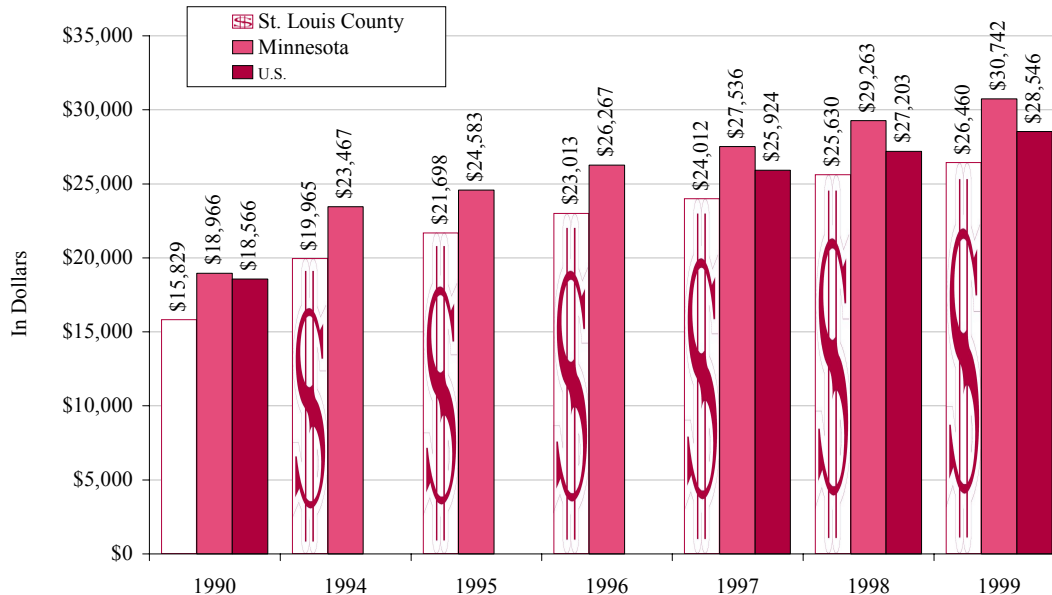
	In Dollars (\$)							Rank in MN Counties 1999
	1990	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	
St. Louis County	15,829	19,965	21,698	23,013	24,012	25,630	26,460	14th
Minnesota	18,966	23,467	24,583	26,267	27,536	29,263	30,742	
U.S.	18,566	N/A	N/A	N/A	25,924	27,203	28,546	

*Note: Data is not adjusted for inflation. N/A: Information for the U.S. is not currently available.

Source: MN Planning. <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/demography/pci98press.html>; The Bureau of Economic Analysis, www.bea.doc.gov/bea/regional/data.htm.

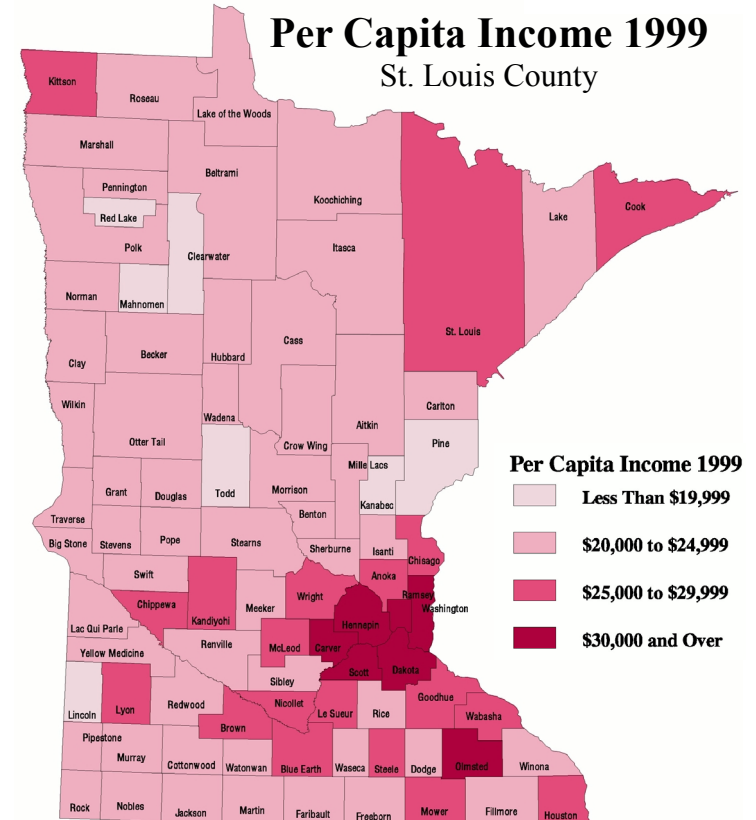
Per Capita Income

St. Louis County, Minnesota and U.S. 1990-1999



Source: The Bureau of Economic Analysis and Minnesota Planning, State Demographic Center were used for the estimates of per capita income.

Per Capita Income 1999 St. Louis County



Source: St. Louis County Planning Department, 2001.

Summary

- Between 1995 and 1999, St. Louis County's per capita income increased by 21.9%.
- In 1999, St. Louis County ranked 14th highest among Minnesota counties in per capita income.
- Per capita Income in St. Louis County increased 3.2% between 1998 and 1999.



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St. Louis County's Poverty Status by Age

Poverty Status by Age St. Louis County

Age	1990 Census			Percent Below Poverty Level 1997 Est.*	Percent Change from 1990 - 1997 Est.
	# Above Poverty Level	# Below Poverty Level	Percent Below Poverty Level		
Under 18	39,850	7,654	16.1	16.8	4
TOTAL	164,986	27,201	14.2	11.7	-17.6

Source: U.S. Census 1990. www.census.gov

Note: The 1997 Poverty Estimates is a model-based estimate which provides county-level income and poverty est. in noncensus years.

Poverty Guidelines and Thresholds

*Note: There are two different versions of the federal poverty measures:

Poverty guidelines are issued each year in the Federal Register by the Department of Health and Human Services and are used for administrative purposes, such as determining financial eligibility for certain federal programs. More information: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services web page: <http://aspe.hhs.gov>.

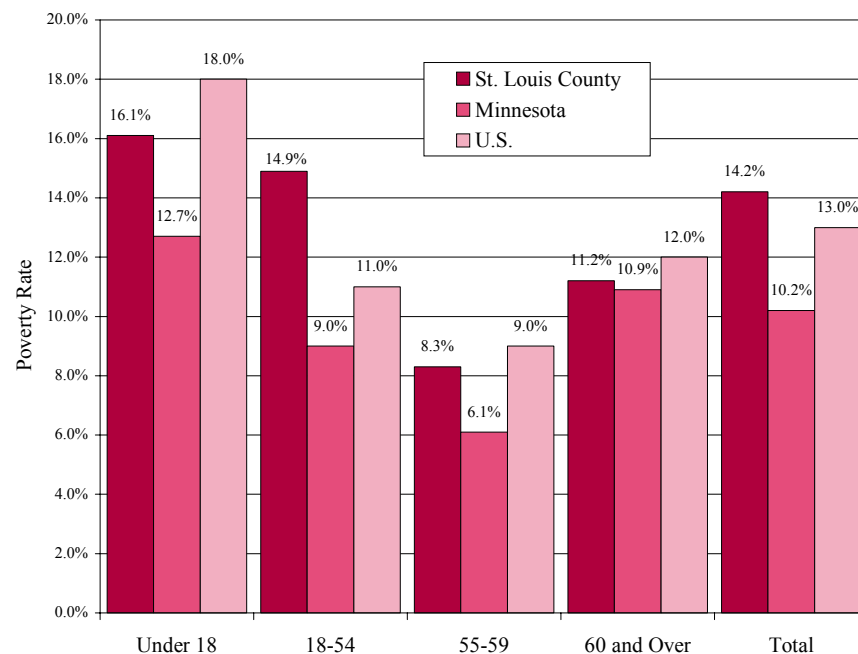
Poverty thresholds are updated each year by the Census Bureau and are used mainly for statistical purposes, such as determining the number of Americans who are in poverty. The thresholds were used by the Census Bureau to develop the information presented in the tables on Poverty Status by Age and by Race. More information: U.S. Census Bureau web page: www.census.gov.

Poverty Guidelines for 2001 (Dollars)*

Size of the Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	8,590	10,730	9,890
2	11,610	14,510	13,360
3	14,630	18,290	16,830
4	17,650	22,070	20,300
5	20,670	25,850	23,770
6	23,690	29,360	27,240
7	26,710	33,410	30,710
8	29,730	37,190	34,180
For each additional person, add	3,020	3,780	3,470

Source: Federal Register, Vol.66, No. 33, February 16, 2001, pp. 10695-40697.

Poverty Rate by Ages - 1990 St. Louis County



Source: 1990 U.S. Census. www.census.gov

Summary

- In 1990, St. Louis County had a total poverty rate of 14.2%. Based upon the 1997 poverty estimate, the county experienced a decrease in the poverty rate to 11.7%.
- In 1990, St. Louis County's poverty rate was higher than both Minnesota's and U.S. In 1997, the county's poverty rate was lower than the U.S.
- In 1990, children under 18 years of age experienced the highest poverty rate of 16.1% in St. Louis County.

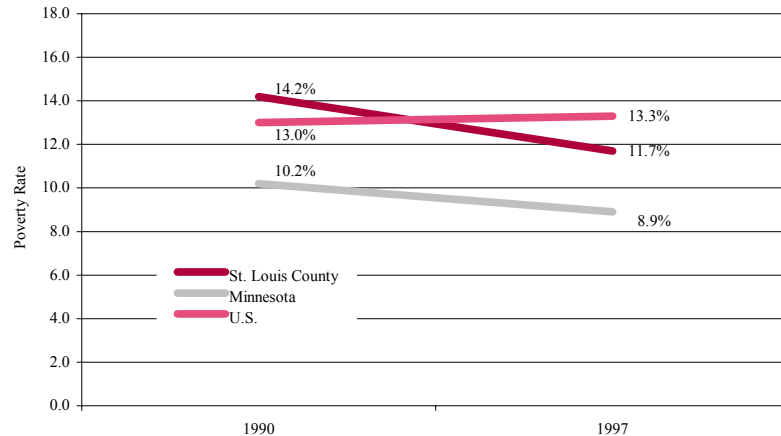
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St. Louis County's Poverty Status by Race



Poverty Rate - Total

St. Louis County, Minnesota and U.S. 1990 and 1997



Source: 1990 U.S. Census. www.census.gov

*Note: The 1997 Poverty Estimates is a model-based estimate which provides county-level income and poverty estimates in noncensus years.

Summary

- In 1990, the St. Louis County American Indian-Eskimo population experienced the greatest poverty rate of 42.4%. This compares to a poverty rate of 13.4% for whites.
- As the local economy grew, the county estimated poverty level decreased from 14.1% to 11.7%. This is a larger drop than Minnesota and U.S.
- In 1990, the total number of people with incomes below the poverty level was 27,131.



Bohemian boy 1914, Virginia, MN Historical Society

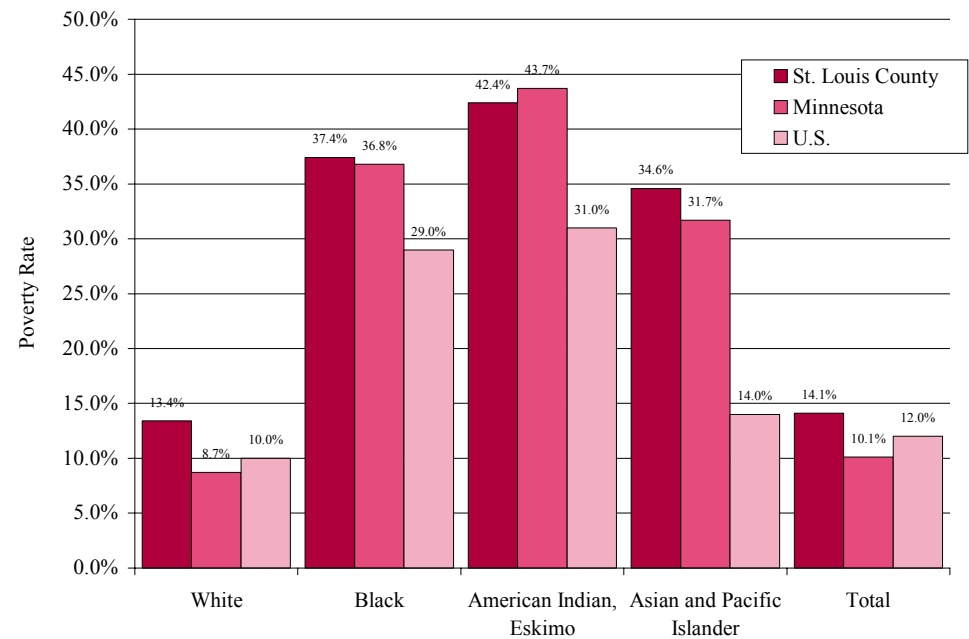
Poverty Status by Race 1990

St. Louis County

Race	Above Poverty Level	Below Poverty Level	Percent Below Poverty Level
White	161,539	24,921	13.4
Black	586	350	37.4
American Indian, Eskimo	2,054	1,514	42.4
Asian and Pacific Islander	653	346	34.6
TOTAL	164,832	27,131	14.1

Poverty Rate by Race-1990

St. Louis County



Source: 1990 U.S. Census. www.census.gov